

Local and Personal News.

Geo. A. Neal returned last Friday from a trip to Sedalia.

Dr. S. A. Proctor made a professional call at Naylor Wednesday.

S. L. Smith, of Naylor, was in town transacting business Tuesday last.

Attorney Alf Perkins was in St. Louis the past week on business.

Attorney Alf Perkins returned Tuesday from a business trip to St. Louis and had to return again on Wednesday on business.

Ed. Nunnelee, who has been employed in a business house at Blodgett, since last fall, came home the first of the week to visit home folks for a few days.

The Missouri University Glee Club will give an entertainment at Poplar Bluff February 1st. A number of of Doniphan people will attend this excellent entertainment.

The stork made a first visit to the home of Walter Arnold and wife, who live in the Dan Penny neighborhood, northeast of town, last Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock and left a son for them.

Judge John A. Pulliam, and Deputy Clerks Tom Robinson and his brother Will, were over in the Burr neighborhood for several days the past week at the bedside of their brother, Robt. Robinson, who was very ill with pneumonia, with typhoid symptoms.

Letters from Neeley Moore and Ben Hoskinson state that both gentlemen are doing famously. Neither now have to use their crutches, and have not for some time, and they are able to tramp all over the country. They are expected home the coming week.

Clint Murray is at Kensett-Doniphan, helping the Don. Lbr. Co. for a month or so. Clint's name will go on the roll as Joe Russell's private secretary on the 4th of March next, and should congress be called in extra session anytime before the regular session next December, Clint will have to move to Wash. D. C.

Steve H. Lawrence, the "Racket store" man, has been in St. Louis this week after goods for his store. We have missed his cheery voice from the depths beneath us, but are now assured of more "Racket" than ever, when he returns, for he has recently had his room overhauled and fixed up handsomely, and will put in a tremendous stock, for Steve is sure a hustler.

The Rural Telephone Co., have been busy this week putting in telephones subscribed for by the business men and citizens. The directors held a meeting last Saturday and the reports showed good progress over the line work. Two new lines were authorized, and there is now six or eight lines to different parts of the county, connected with the Central. The Rural company is to be a good thing in every way when in full and complete operation, and Ripley Co. will be the only county in Southeast Missouri with two complete telephone systems.

"Making the Most of Ourselves, or What God Would Have Us Be" is the theme for the morning sermon at the Methodist Church next Sunday morning. "Conversion as a Doctrine of the Christian Religion" will be the evening theme. This is the fourth in the series of ten sermons on these subjects. The League and Sunday School will hold their regular service. The Sunday School will study the story of Cain and Abel. Boys and girls not attending Sunday School anywhere are especially invited to come and study with us.

The sad news was received last Friday by Wm. L. Austin, of this city, of the death of a cousin, Arthur Devore, who was working with a steel company in erecting steel bridges and buildings in Georgia. Mr. Devore came from Ohio to Ripley county with Mr. Austin and family three years ago, but did not remain here long, returning to Ohio. He secured a position with a steel company and has worked with them, going to Pennsylvania and then to Georgia. The cause of his death is unknown as the particulars have not been sent to Mr. Austin yet. He was killed Tuesday of last week and was buried at his home in Middleburg, Ohio last Friday.

Ed. Ferguson went to Fulton last Friday to see his son, Charlie, who was injured by a fall. He was engaged in playing a game of basketball and as it was a match game, with a large crowd of spectators, those engaged were doing their best. In the progress of the game Charlie slipped and fell to the floor, striking it very hard. His wrist was sprained in the fall and the back of his head hit the floor with such force as to render him unconscious for some time. By the advice of a physician, Mr. Ferguson brought him over to Jefferson City, as it was thought that would do him much good, his eyes being somewhat affected by the injury to his head. Mr. Ferguson arrived at home Tuesday evening and reported that Charlie was getting along very well.

Arch Moore has gone to Haber to stay for a while.

Miss Bird Elkins is visiting friends at Grandin this week.

Justice Jim Langford made a business trip to Orléans Tuesday.

Mayor Martin returned yesterday from a trip to St. Louis.

Miss Addie Gary is the guest of friends at Cornin this week.

Miss Jennie Gate is the guest of friends at the Bluff this week.

Hon. Thos. Mabrey was at the Bluff the first of the week on business.

S. H. Lawrence returned yesterday from a business trip to St. Louis.

Mrs. J. W. Cude was the guest of friends at the Bluff the past week.

Harve Davis returned to Kensett yesterday, after a visit with his folks.

John Moore returned to Kensett Tuesday, after visiting friends here.

Prosecutor Jim Fulbright was at Naylor and Fairdealing the past week on business, and visiting.

W. R. Spell, of Fairdealing, was here the first of the week visiting his son Fred.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cotton's 2-year-old son has been quite ill this week with croup.

Ben Marshall, a leading capitalist of Blodgett, was here this week looking after some business matters.

Ed Lowe and Gus Johnson returned to Cornin this week to finish a job of painting they had under contract.

Tom Martin, of West Plains, engaged in the drug business and running a news paper, is here this week visiting home folks.

Elmer Finch made a short visit to his home folks, at Rector, Ark., the past week, and also visited at Dexter while away.

Miss Evi Wilkinson left Monday for Memphis, being accompanied as far as Neeleyville by her brother, Rev. S. A. Wilkinson, who made a day's visit at the Bluff.

Deputy County Surveyor Will Cooper was in town Wednesday looking up some matters connected with the right-of-way for the road leading to the Current river bridge.

Jim Thaxton shipped a car load of cattle to St. Louis last Tuesday; R. K. Murdock and Lee, Butler & Co., sent a car-load of hogs to the same place on that day.

From the state of the temperature this morning winter seems to have finally concluded to "set in." Anyway it is about as disagreeable as it can be both overhead and underfoot.

The train auditor is off the branch this week, having been given another assignment, and as no other auditor has been sent here for the run, conductor Polk Elkins is looking after ticket punching.

E. Sittom, recently from Illinois, has purchased the old Barnes place, adjoining town on the east, of Ernest Horton, and has moved in and will fix up the fence and make a crop this year.

E. A. Kelly, who last fall bought the Jim McKinsie place, the old Kegler homestead, is fencing up the field east of the Catholic church and will farm it this year as well as the remainder of the place.

DeNeen Stafford has been elected cashier of the bank at Seneca, Mo., and left the Bluff last Saturday for that place. Mr. Stafford is as nice a young man as one could wish to meet and will be a popular man for the bank.

A telegram received this morning by Dr. Holsclaw, from C. E. Still, of Kirksville, states that a graduated lady osteopath physician, of much experience, will be here Saturday (tomorrow) to have charge of the Dr.'s office while he is away in Iowa, arranging to bring his family here to live. Ladies needing treatment are requested to call, as the lady comes highly recommended by Dr. Still, as a very capable physician.

Mrs. Trapper, who lives on the Ed McKensie farm two or three miles northeast of town, while walking about the place last Wednesday, fell into an old well and dislocated her shoulder. The well was partly filled with dirt and brush, but the hole was five or six feet deep, and it took considerable work on the part of her husband to get her out of the hole, he being a small sized man while Mrs. Trapper is a portly woman. Drs. Hume and Proctor reduced the dislocation. Dr. Hume was called out first but was unable to make the reduction himself as the woman had very large and strong muscles and he had to call Dr. Proctor to assist, and it was rather a difficult job for both of them. Mrs. Trapper was getting along very well at last account.

**Stock Breeders Meeting.**  
There will be a meeting of the Ripley County Stock Breeders Association at the court house in Doniphan, at 1:30 o'clock, on Saturday, Feb. 2-07, at which time a constitution and by-laws will be adopted. All persons interested in stock-breeding, raising, handling, or having capital invested in live stock of any kind, are invited to attend this meeting and become members.

Geo. W. Francis, President,  
J. A. BROWN, Secretary.

Assessor's Book.

County Court was in session Monday and Tuesday of this week examining Assessor Merrill's book for the year 1906, and they made a careful and close inspection of the work, with the result that it was accepted and he was allowed the sum of \$664.50 for his work, one-half of which will be paid by the State and one-half by the county.

The total number of acres of land assessed was 578,361.33, and the value on the same was placed at \$1,622,108.

The total number of town lots assessed was 1,651, and the value placed on them was \$222,175.

The grand total of the acreage and town lots was \$1,844,283.

The number of real estate calls was 4,148, and the number of personal calls was 2,600. That is, there were 4,148 different descriptions of real estate placed on the books, and 2,600 persons names entered on the personal tax books.

The increase in the land acreage assessment for the year was \$148,247, and in the value of the town lots, \$11,620, or a total increase in the valuation of \$159,867.

The personal property returned and placed on the books by the assessor is as follows:

|                         | Number. | Value.     |
|-------------------------|---------|------------|
| Horses.....             | 3,194   | \$ 145,226 |
| Jacks and jennies..     | 37      | 1,870      |
| Mules.....              | 1,309   | 63,005     |
| Neat cattle.....        | 14,524  | 124,445    |
| Sheep.....              | 2,397   | 2,961      |
| Hogs.....               | 17,912  | 24,080     |
| All other stock.....    | 336     | 399        |
| Money and Notes.....    |         | 100,307    |
| All other property..... |         | 163,312    |
| Banks.....              |         | 33,450     |
| Estates.....            |         | 20,483     |

Total \$ 679,538

The total personal assessment last year amounted to \$669,726, which shows an increase this year of \$8,812, or a total increase in land and personal of \$168,679, a very handsome gain for the year, and compared with the assessment of last year shows the following:

|                           | No. 1905. | No. 1906. | Val. 1905. | Val. 1906. |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Horses.....               | 3,144     | 3,194     | \$ 125,105 | \$ 145,226 |
| Jacks and Jennies.....    | 41        | 37        | 1,870      | 1,870      |
| Mules.....                | 1,287     | 1,309     | 63,005     | 63,005     |
| Neat cattle.....          | 13,928    | 14,524    | 124,445    | 124,445    |
| Sheep.....                | 2,397     | 2,397     | 2,961      | 2,961      |
| Hogs.....                 | 17,912    | 17,912    | 24,080     | 24,080     |
| All other live stock..... | 336       | 336       | 399        | 399        |
| Money and Notes.....      |           |           | 100,307    | 100,307    |
| All other property.....   |           |           | 163,312    | 163,312    |
| Banks.....                |           |           | 33,450     | 33,450     |
| Estates.....              |           |           | 20,483     | 20,483     |

To which add the total land assessments, viz:

|                |           |           |              |              |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
|                | No. 1905. | No. 1906. | Val. 1905.   | Val. 1906.   |
| Land.....      | 578,361   | 578,361   | \$ 1,622,108 | \$ 1,622,108 |
| Town lots..... | 1,651     | 1,651     | 222,175      | 222,175      |
| Total.....     | 579,992   | 579,992   | \$ 1,844,283 | \$ 1,844,283 |

The total number of land acres assessed last year was 578,122.16, valued at \$1,485,481; town lots, 1,645, valued at \$210,558, or a total of \$1,696,039.

Assessor Merrill did a very good job this year, much better, in fact, than has been done for many years past. He was assisted in the work of making the books by J. K. Langford and in making the assessments by Jno. A. Brooks, and is entitled to full credit for doing the work as fully as it could possibly be done, to the satisfaction and acceptability of the County Court, who made a rigid and close examination of the work before they passed upon it.

Death of R. C. Roberson.

R. C. Roberson, brother of Will and Tom Roberson, died Wednesday morning at 1 o'clock, after an illness of about ten days, from typhoid-pneumonia, at his home in the Burr neighborhood. The funeral was held yesterday at 1 o'clock, and was in charge of the Poyner lodge, I. O. O. F.

The deceased was a native of Tennessee and came to Ripley county about 25 years ago with his parents, when a young man. He was married and leaves a widow and six children. Besides being a member of the I. O. O. F. he was also a member of the Poyner lodge of Woodman and had an insurance of \$1000 in that order. He was well known and highly respected and his family has the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their loss.

Burned to Death.

A little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schotten, a Hungarian family that lives about eight miles northeast of town in the Den Penny neighborhood, was burned to death Wednesday morning last, by her clothing catching on fire while she was building a fire in a stove. The child was about five years old and her clothing caught and in her screaming and rushing about she inhaled so much of the flame that death ensued in about two hours after the accident occurred. The funeral will be held at 11 o'clock this morning and will be conducted by Rev. Father Smyth, of St. Boniface's Catholic church of this city.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Prepared by Sup't. E. M. CARTER.

PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMENTS.

Attendance good.

Department both in the rooms and on the playground is improving this week.

Come and visit us. You have no idea how much a visit from you would encourage us.

Twenty-five new pupils in the first grade; four in the second; five in the third and two in the fourth since the holidays.

There are a few pupils in each grade who have not been in school since the holidays. Unless pupils attend regularly it will be impossible for them to be promoted at the end of the year.

THIRD GRADE.

Attendance good.

Tardies are a thing of the past with us. We earned our half holiday Wednesday.

Children are progressing nicely in their work. There were but three failures, and that only in one branch, at the close of the last six weeks.

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

And still they come.

No tardies this week.

Visitors are welcome at all times.

Yes, more than half the year is gone.

"Success comes to those who earnestly and honestly work."

We hope all parents have carefully examined the report cards of pupils.

The Sophomore class continues to contract much of its business at the stand of Julius Caesar.

We are glad that Miss Minnie Stewart, of the Sophomore class, will enter the high school soon.

Miss Erma Ellis, who has just finished a very successful term of school is doing work in Virgil at the high school.

"The noblest service comes from nameless hands, and the best servant does his work unseen."—Holmes.

Highest per cent of attendance in grades; Mrs. Hudson, 4th, 98; Miss Cotton, 7th, 97.8; Miss Williams 2nd, 96.8.

The pupils are especially to be congratulated on their excellent record for attendance and punctuality the past week.

A question for pupils: "If I do my best work in school who is benefited? If I do not do my best work, who is the loser?"

One of the greatest temptations which students have is the temptation "to put off till tomorrow what should be done today."

Record of Senior class from Sept. 11th, 1905 to Jan. 13, 1907: Attendance 100 per cent. Tardies, 2. Excellent showing.

Per cent of attendance for the week ending January 18th, 1907, Senior, 100; Junior, 100; Sophomore, 96.4; Freshmen, 100; Tardies 0.

Teachers who want to do high school work to fit themselves for better positions will write Sup't. E. M. Carter or Principal E. T. Ford, at once.

Mr. Charles Borth, a prominent alumnus of the Doniphan High School visited the school last week. Other visits from Mr. Borth will be welcomed.

Theme subjects for the current week are Anne Hathaway's Husband, Senior; Roosevelt's New Cabinet, Junior; Autobiography of a Cigarette Fiend, Sophomore.

We hope that every 8th grade pupil in the county will graduate and enter the contest for one of the scholarships of the Board of Education. These scholarships are worth \$180.

The pupils and teachers of the rural schools are especially invited to examine the prize encyclopaedia at Johnston's Pharmacy. Some rural graduate will receive these valuable books.

The Mark Twain Literary Society has been formed in the High School with the following officers: President, Gerald Davis; Vice-president, Clara Barrett; Secretary, Ethel Johnston; Treasurer, Chester Pearce. First meeting January 25th, 1907.

Report for December.

|                         | Per cent. | Att. | Tar. |
|-------------------------|-----------|------|------|
| Miss Scott, 1st.....    | 95        | 1    | 0    |
| " Williams, 2nd.....    | 96.8      | 0    | 0    |
| " Doherty, 3rd.....     | 97.4      | 0    | 0    |
| Mrs. Hudson, 4th.....   | 97.5      | 0    | 0    |
| GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.     |           |      |      |
| Miss Williams, 5th..... | 96.6      | 0    | 0    |
| " Cotton, 6th.....      | 92.6      | 0    | 0    |
| " 7th.....              | 90.2      | 4    | 0    |
| Mr. Pillard, 8th.....   | 96.9      | 4    | 0    |

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Freshman, 97.7 1  
Sophomore, 95.2 0  
Junior, 98.1 1  
Senior, 100 0

Ben. Legate's little girl baby died last Sunday. Mr. Legate is a prominent business man of Success and was in the merchandise business for many years at Poyner, Mo. George Quisenberry of Doniphan, visited friends in this city Wednesday. He was on his way to West Plains, Mo. He was accompanied by Tom Lunn from this city.—City County Republican, Cornin.

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Graduate of the American School of Osteopathy, at Kirksville, Mo., under Dr. A. T. Still, the Founder of the Science, has located in Doniphan and invites the patronage of the public. Office—Rooms 3 and 4, in the Martin building, corner Mill and Locust Sts. Phone No. 166.

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Last week Gov. Davis issued a pardon to Louis Spence, editor of the Pig-gott Banner, who was convicted of libel in Clay county and fined \$100. Editor Spence was convicted of libeling C. F. Bloodworth, editor of the Clay County Republican.—North Arkansas Banner.

**Death of "Reddy" Hutcherson.**

James R. Hutcherson, known generally as "Red," and one of the "little men," as the two brothers are called, died at his home on Grand Ave., at 12:10 o'clock yesterday, after an illness of about a week, from an attack of gripe and heart trouble, although he had been more or less of an invalid for the past two or three years. He was a native of Williamson county, Tenn., and was born in 1854, his age at his death being 52 years. He came to Ripley county with his parents after the war and they located on what was then known as the Woods farm on the waters of Fourches, the place afterwards being made by Judge Hutcherson, one of the handsomest places in Ripley county. The children were raised there. Samuel, one of the surviving brothers, and the deceased, were born deformed as to their lower limbs, but otherwise were good specimens of manhood, and from their short stature and small size were known as the "little men." The funeral will be held at 2:30 this afternoon, Rev. E. A. Wilkinson, of the Walnut St. Baptist church officiating, and the interment will be made at Oakridge. There survives him, his father, ex-Judge Hutcherson, and two brothers, Samuel, and a younger brother who lives in Chicago.

The branch train made a trip to the Bluff last Sunday and came back, along in the afternoon, being hauled by another engine, as the other one leaked so badly it had to be connected with a hydrant all the time to keep water in it.

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